

Digital Learning News

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Hi everyone

Did you know there are many online sessions that you can join from the comfort of your own computer during school terms? These are great opportunities to attend professional learning and connect with other educators, and most are free:

- [Tech Talk Tuesdays](#), 3:45pm with Anne Murchison – today’s topic: Social Media apps trending with our students.
- [eLearning educators](#), Thursdays 8:00pm with Shingo Gibson-Suzuki – various topics, links to [join](#), links to [past recordings](#).
- [ACCE Learning Network](#) Mondays 9:30 with Roland Gesthuizen and Amanda Rablin
- [Scootle Live](#) – Wednesdays at 4:00pm – various topics
- [Teacher Learning Network](#) IT in the classroom series, Thursdays 4:00pm (costs applies for non-members)
- [DLTV](#), Tuesdays 4:00pm – various topics (costs applies)
- Check out your subject association as well.

This Weeks Blog Post



Our guest blogger this week is Erin Jackson from Kennington Primary School. Erin has been using **Mystery Skype** with her class to support Geography, Maths and English. A great blog post with practical advice that will help you get started. [Read more](#)



Addressing the cybersafety challenge: from risk to resilience is a recent report that exploring the unique behaviours and risks that face children, young people, adults, seniors and parents in their online engagements. It identifies the most effective cyber safety strategies to specifically address each age cohort. An interesting finding is the importance of digital literacy and a hands on approach with some exposure to risk is necessary to improve digital literacy. [Read more](#)

Polycom News

[Meet the Scientists](#) – Melbourne Museum

A special event for Years 8-10 students as part of national Science week. Meet the museum's astronomer, palaeontologist, mammalogist, ornithologist, mineralogist or marine biologist. To book or enquire about joining this session via Polycom, please contact Cameron Hocking: chocking@museum.vic.gov.au Phone: (03) 8341 7720

- Tuesday 19 August at 12:30 – 1:30pm
- Wednesday 20 August 11:00 – 12:00pm
- Wednesday 20 August 1:00 – 2:00pm

Professional Learning and Classroom Opportunities- see our [Professional Learning Calendar](#) for a full list of events

Edublogs 2014 Teacher Challenge – starts 14 August



- Two professional development series: one to help guide you in your personal blog, and the other to help guide you through blogging with students.
- Edublogs will send two or three short activities each week for four weeks that will walk you through everything you need to know.
- On competition, receive a badge to display on your Global2 blog.
- [Find out more and register](#) (free)



[Bebras - Computational Thinking Challenge](#) for students Year 3-12

- A free, school based, online competition, done under the teacher supervision within an hour (45-60 minutes).
- Students can participate individually or in small groups (up to 4), and collaboration and sharing during the challenge is encouraged. No prior computing or ICT knowledge is required.
- Next round: September 1-12, 2014
- Contact enquiry@digitalcareers.edu.au for more info

Keilor Views Primary School Term 3 Workshops



- Powerful, Personalised Learning with iTunes U Course Manager
- Ally Days – iPads in Literacy and Inquiry
- I'm Appy – iPads in the Early Years
- Digital Storytelling –focus on Writing & Student Voice
- Assessment + Feedback tools = Productive



Australian Association of Mathematics Teachers, [Connect with Maths](#) online professional learning:

- [Maths in Action Webinar Series with Conrad Wolfram](#), 19 August, 4:30 – 5:30
- [Early Learning in the Mathematics Community](#), 26 August 4:30 – 5:30
- [Make it Count with Indigenous Learners](#), 28 August 4:30 – 5:30



Classrooms

- Contact: cristofaro.phillip.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
- [Online sessions](#) – Tuesday's 4:00 – 6:00
21 Aug: Accelerating Innovation in your school
26 Aug: Teaching with a technology toolbox
21 Oct: Should your students catch a code?
- 17 Aug: [VCE IT and VCE VET Exam Preparation](#)
- 1 Sep & 14 Oct : [Enhancing video production to help flip the classroom](#)
- 3 Nov: [Be a connected educator! Blogging and Micro Blogging](#)



[Scootle LIVE Webinars](#) - Wednesday's at 4:00pm

- 13 Aug: Implementing the Australian Curriculum: English
- 27 Aug: National Literacy and Numeracy Week, tools and resources
- 10 Sept: Implementing the Australian Curriculum: Digital Technologies
- 24 Sept: Looking to the future, Horizon report discussion

Conference and Events

- [Ignite, Innovate, Integrate ICT Conference](#) – 15 August, Kingswood Primary School
- [CRT Conference: Hands on with IT](#) – 24 September, TLN, Abbotsford
- [ACEC 2014](#): Innovation Education: Now its personal, 30 Sept – 3 Oct, Adelaide
- [Music Technology in Education](#): 3-4 October, Caulfield Grammar
- [TeachMeet Sovereign Hill](#): 18 October 2:00 – 4:00
- [Meeting of the Minds](#), Unconference for Educators: 25-26 October, Ballarat
- [TeachMeet ScienceWorks](#): 29 November

Resources: Science Week 16-24 August

The theme for National Science Week 2014 is Food for our future: Science feeding the world.

- Visit the [website](#) for ideas on how to get involved.
- [Food for our Future: Science Feeding the World](#) – Resource book for teachers including lesson plans for F-10

Get your students ready for science week with these FUSE resources:

- [Primary Students](#) FUSE package
- [Secondary Students](#) FUSE package



DEECD News and Circulars

- Are you seeking a sister school? Or do you need advice and resources to enhance your existing sister school partnership? You can now use the Department's website to locate and make contact with a prospective overseas school and to access the sister school resource kit and revised policy. [Read more](#)
- [Virtual Conferencing](#) – DEECD has seven virtual conference coaches who can provide professional learning and support to schools on using Polycom, Blackboard Collaborate, Lync and Skype.
- [Hands-on digital learning practice in the classroom](#) over 20 sessions being offered in: Carlton, Keilor Downs, Altona, Mt Martha, Debney Meadows, Ouyen, Malvern, Westall, Derrimut, Rosewood Downs, Benalla and Beechworth

Please feel free to pass this on, and contact me if you have something you wish to share.

Cheers
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